GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK REPORT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank report released in September 2003 has stated that in India the poor lack access to services like health, education, water, sanitation and electricity; and

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken note of these comments and initiated steps to present true picture to the World Bank in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India does not share this perception of the Bank. Government of India consistently draws upon its past experience in order to improve service delivery of its Plan schemes so as to achieve maximum impact on the poor.